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SUBJECT: Sons of Prince Faisal

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a memorandum addressed to James T. DUCE, Vice President of Aramco by A. E. ANTAR of Aramco in New York concerning the visit to his home on Sunday, June 8, 1958, of six sons and two relatives of Prince FAISAL.

Walter K. Schwinn
American Consul General

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MEMORANDUM
New York, New York
June 10, 1958

PERSONAL

Mr. J. T. Duce
New York,

On Sunday, June 8, we had Prince Faisal's sons at our house for an outdoor barbecue and supper. The young men, Muhammad, Khalid, Sa'ud, Sa'ad, Abd al-Rahman, Bandar and two closely related youngsters, Mansur and Abdallah, having completed their scholastic year in the U.S., are sailing from New York on the Italian boat Christoforo Colombo on Tuesday, June 10, arriving in Naples about June 18.

They seemed to have enjoyed themselves immensely because they repeatedly expressed their feelings about our informal outdoor picnic party.

It appears that for the short time these young Amirs have been studying in the U.S., their outlook upon life has changed to a considerable extent. For example, it was astonishing to see Royal Princes, accustomed to lavish living and numerous attendants to serve them, doing such chores as carrying outdoor furniture and other things just as any American youth would do. They seemed to enjoy doing things by themselves. Amir Muhammad carried groceries and heavy articles from the car to the kitchen. Khalid and Sa'ad enjoyed the barbecuing (shish kabab). The others served food to the members of my family. They all helped carry dirty dishes from the terrace to the kitchen. As a matter of fact, my wife who on occasions has entertained both Americans and Middle Easterners at similar outdoor parties, said that this was the first time she took it easy and was served by her guests instead of her serving them. It was beyond our expectation to see such a change in the behavior and outlook of these young Princes. When it rained a little, they carried the chairs, tables, dishes and foodstuff from the terrace to an enclosed porch. Although they were extremely informal and unassuming, they always observed among themselves their traditional protocol manners. The younger brother always showed considerable respect to the older one. (b)(1)(a)(5)

There is no doubt that their stay in the U.S. and their training in American educational institutions have had a tremendous effect upon these young Princes and their outlook upon life. They seem to have acquired many good things from the American way of life and blended them with the best they possess of the Arabian traditions. I believe that Amir Muhammad, the oldest son here, is one of the finest young men representing the best in Western and Eastern ways of life. He has depth of character and possesses a keen and open

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mind. He has the making of a forward-looking and progressive young Prince of whom Saudi Arabia will one day be very proud.

/s/ A. E. ANTAR

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